

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 30-40 are pending in this application, of which claims 30, 34 and 37 are independent. Claim 30 has been amended. The amendment adds no new matter and finds full support in the application as originally filed. In view of the above claims and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and a timely indication of allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as having insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation “the transport system” in line 4. The Examiner is correct. The limitation “the transport system” is a typographical error which should have read “the transport vehicle” which is introduced in the preamble of claim 30. Claim 30 has been amended to correct this typographical error. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

Double Patenting

The Examiner has rejected claims 30-40 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,939,031. Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the Examiner’s rejection. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 30-40 under the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 30-40 are in condition for allowance, and a timely indication of allowance is respectfully requested. If there are any remaining issues that can be addressed by telephone, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the number indicated.

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